

### *Front Street Improvement Project- Update: March 26, 2010*

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The contractor has completed the 12<sup>th</sup> week of Stage 1 of the project covering the Market Street intersection to Princess Street. TA Loving is working all crews and sub-contractors to restore traffic back to the 000 block by April 5<sup>th</sup>, while substantially completing the streetscape work. The mid-block crossing was restored on Wednesday and TA Loving is placing priority on paving Front Street to allow for the continued installation of sidewalks. Last Saturday, the northbound lanes of Front Street to Market Street were opened back up; however, westbound Market shall remain closed until next week to let the concrete cure properly.



**This week** the contractor worked all last weekend to prepare for concrete work and paving. Construction of the crosswalks was completed by Tuesday and the mid-block crosswalk was re-opened on Wednesday. The contractor began paving in Front Street and finished the first layer of base course up to Princess Street. The paving contractor also laid the final surface course of asphalt in the northside of Market Street. Granite curbing was laid up through the corners of Princess Street, essentially completing the curbing requirements for Stage 1. The contractors were also focused on the 4 corners of Market Street where the sidewalk ramps were poured with concrete. On Wednesday the contractor began demolition of the sidewalks along the west side of Front Street and poured the first section on Thursday. The contractor then moved to the eastside for more sidewalk work. The electrical contractor completed work on the light bases and began setting the electrical panel on the side of Princess Street and running underground conduit around the corner to the transformer. This week, TA Loving received passing laboratory samples on the new water main and the surveyor completed the as-builts. The certification application was submitted to CFPWA and the State.



**Next week** the contractor will mainly continue the demolition and replacement of the sidewalks on both sides of the street up to Princess Street. It is expected that state certification will be received for the water main and the contractor will begin the transfer of water services and set water meter boxes. With the completion of the sidewalks, many items such as brick pavers, tree grates, concrete bases for trash can and benches and landscaping will take place. The restoration of the sidewalk and bike rack area in 100 block of Market Street is also scheduled to take place. The contractor will also focus on installing the water, sewer and electrical work in Princess Street to set up for moving across the intersection. With substantial completion of Stage 1 to Princess Street only weeks away, the contractor will soon begin to transition into the 100 block.

The City continues to provide project information, such as notification of sidewalk work and face to face conversations for business owners. More information about the project can be found on the City's website at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/frontstreet](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/frontstreet)